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## WEEKEND WEATHER

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## NUMBER CRUNCH

4,604.76

amount of dollars raised by Sigma Alpha Omega for Relay for Life, the most of any GCSU RSO

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## Green Fee, wellness center rejected

### Leland issues budget update

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Board of Regents passed the 2010 fiscal year budget, leaving GCSU with an 11.6 percent budget cut, forcing the school to cut the proposed Green Fee and wellness center from the mandatory student fees and reinstate the \$100 temporary fee.

Budget cuts also result in bad news for recognized outstanding faculty, leaving less incentive for faculty to surpass their basic responsibilities.

According to an e-mail issued by President Dr. Dorothy Leland, "no funds have been allocated to support new merit raises for faculty and staff University System of Georgia. However, funds were allocated to continue funding the merit raises awarded

in January of this year."

The \$100 "special institutional fee" first instated in the beginning of the Spring 2009 semester will return, as before, not covered by the HOPE scholarship. The fee is still considered to be temporary.

"This fee is to be used to support the university's operating budget," according to Leland's statement.

The total allotment for the University System of Georgia is \$2.17 billion, \$127.7 million less than last year, with \$92.6 million stemming from the federal stimulus bill.

In the next one to two years, funds provided by the stimulus bill will be gradually withdrawn. Without these funds, this year's budget would have been cut by 16 percent.

## STUDENT FEE INCREASES

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Parking & Transportation Fee	\$14
Student Activity Fee	\$7
Technology Fee	\$3
Athletic Fee	\$12
Health Fee	\$7

Fee increases based on Fiscal Years 2009 &amp; 2010

GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS



STEPHANIE SORENSEN / STAFF REPORTER

Joel Graham, senior, attended the Tax Day Tea Party protesting Obama's taxation policy at the Georgia Capitol Wednesday afternoon. 20,000 came out in support of lowering taxes and advocating the Fair Tax.

## Taxes not student's cup of tea

### Students protest Obama's taxes in Atlanta Tea Party rally

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN  
STAFF REPORTER

Wednesday, beneath the glow of the gold domed capital, 20,000 Atlantans gathered to protest Obama's tax policy.

After countless government bailouts and mounting debt, some Americans have finally had enough. In a true grass roots movement, people of all ages and ethnicities gathered with the

spirit and pride that formed the foundation for America's success. True patriotism coupled with traditional American values united the people with a sense of camaraderie and the ability to make an impact.

"What really struck me were the commentators referred to America as a republic rather than democracy," Michael George, senior, said. "We have to hold our representatives accountable

for what they do."

United under the national anthem, people crowded the streets eager to have their voices heard. There were mixed sentiments about congress and excessive government spending. Some radicals even went as far as to call the government socialist. Largely advocating the fair tax and smaller government,

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BY PRESTON SELLERS

SENIOR REPORTER

The "Fixed for Four" plan, which locked in a standard tuition rate for incoming University System of Georgia college freshmen for a four-year time span, was discontinued on Tuesday, by a University Board of Regents vote. The move is estimated to save the state \$60 million during the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

The move came as a result of state college budget cuts, beginning this year with a \$238 million reduction in available dollars. The state is also cutting \$275 million next year. These totals amount to a 10 percent reduction for Georgia colleges and universities.

The president of GCSU, Dr. Dorothy Leland, believes the plan was conceived with good intentions.

"The 'Fixed for Four' plan (had) some definite virtues," Leland said. "It (provided) four years of tuition predictability for incoming freshmen and their parents and also (sent) a message that it will cost less to complete a college degree in four years."

USG introduced the plan in

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## Greeks look to city for group housing approval

BY SARAH GIARRATANA  
STAFF REPORTER

Despite previous conflicts, the future looks bright for Greeks and other students looking to apply for group housing. According to the city regulations, the Delta Zeta sorority house is waiting for City Council's approval to earn the official title of a special use house by the end of the year.

"We're all excited that we got approved," said Kelly Herman, Delta Zeta sister and house resident. "It's an important central location for our socials and philanthropy events."

Delta Zeta acts as the first Greek house in the historic district to gain city approval under the current housing ordinance. Real estate investor Jerry Smaha originally applied for the special use per-

mit for the sorority in 2006, but only recently did the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend that the house be approved for group use.

"We had to apply," Herman said, "if only three girls lived there, like it says under the ordinance, instead of five, the rest of the girls' dues would have to go up."

Other Greek organizations are concerned with the restrictions of the ordinance and are looking into applying for group housing status.

"We have nine girls living in our house," said Alpha Delta Pi president Ashton Dreyer. "I'm not positive if we have to apply yet, but we've owned the house for so long they're not going to kick us out."

According to Kappa Delta sisters Randi Lobstein and

## Keepin' it cool with 'Kool'

BY BETH BENTON  
STAFF REPORTER

At 6 a.m., every weekday morning

Brown Marshall, known to the GCSU community as "Kool," arrives at the Centennial Center in his 1984 Chevrolet pick-up, ready for a day of shampooing carpets and polishing floors. This has been his routine for the last 29 years.

Brown Marshall is a dedicated GCSU athletics fan who proudly has been given four GCSU basketball championship rings, his latest a Sweet Sixteen ring from 2006 bearing the name "Kool" on the side.

LISSA SPEER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Twice during his career at GCSU, he has been Grand Marshal of the Homecoming parade. His cheerful, caring personality and his dedication to the

university have made "Kool" a well-known name within the GCSU community.

Each day, students and faculty arriving to the Centennial Center can expect a smile and the phrase, "What's up Kool," as they meet him in passing. In fact, that's how he got the name "Kool," – that's what he calls everyone else.

No matter how minute the task may seem, Brown Marshall takes pride in the work he does, and he delights in the friendships he has made over the past three decades working at GCSU.

"I met so many

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## EarthFest

April 20-26, 2009

BY MATT CHAMBERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The voice of everybody's favorite eco-friendly super hero, Captain Planet, is coming to Milledgeville to participate in campus Earth day events.

Voice actor David Coburn will visit GCSU in his full Captain Planet uniform on Saturday, April 25 to participate in the Environmental Science Club's third annual EarthFest.

Secretary of the Environmental Science Club, Allison Hughes, said the week of events is used to promote a greener world.

"The week long celebration is used to bring awareness towards environmental concerns," Hughes said.

On Monday, the Environmental Science Club will be handing out freebies and information at tables set up near Arts & Sciences about the week ahead.

Tuesday will bring a Green Living Forum to the A&S auditorium. The forum will be focused on the small steps that can be made to make this world a little greener. Students will have a chance at the end to open up discussion to questions and personal concerns they might have.

To commemorate Earth Day, there will be a Power Ride starting at the bobcat

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

on Front Campus and going throughout Milledgeville. The ride is a demonstration about using a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation. The Environmental Science Club will also be showing the movie "The 11th Hour" Wednesday night.

All day Thursday there will be a recycling drive on campus until 4 p.m. Anyone can bring their recyclable materials to Front Campus to help reduce waste.

The volunteers of the Environmental Science Club will be on hand to help with the recycling process.

"We set up trucks on Front Campus and we sort it for you load it up and take it away for you," Hughes said.

Thursday night there will be camping on Front Campus. Any student with a valid student I.D. can bring a tent and set up for the night. There will be musicians and fellowship all night.

The goal of the camping is to make a statement.

"(The camping) is to raise awareness of how much electricity we use in one night," Hughes said. "Kind of like a silent protest."

On Friday there will be a river clean up

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## Relay hit by economy

*Relay for Life raises less money than years past*

BY MATT ROGERS  
STAFF REPORTER

Relay for Life of Baldwin County accumulated \$165,000, considerably less than in recent years, at their annual event April 3 through 4.

According to the 2009 Relay for Life Event Co Chair, Jan Nutt, Relay for Life has raised over \$200,000 each year for the past few years.

Volunteers helping at the event have also dropped compared to years past.

Relay for Life had 73 teams and over 850 team members this year. GCSU had 24 of those teams. In the past, Relay for Life has had over 1,000 volunteers at the event. The planning committee consisted of about 25 volunteers which was about the same as last year.

The Relay for Life event started at 6 p.m., on Friday, April 3 and ended at 10 a.m., on Saturday, April 4. The event took place at South Creek, 2949 Hwy 441 South—a change of location from the Walter B. Williams park,

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### Relay for Life Stats

**73**

Number of teams at Relay for Life

**24**

Number of teams from GCSU

**850+**

Number of team members

**\$165,000**

Proceeds raised from Relay for Life

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

## Library due for revamp

*Plans for a soothing makeover set up for fall*

BY MATT KUHL  
STAFF REPORTER

Students using the computer labs in the Library and Information Technology Center may have already noticed the labs' new PCs and Macs, and there are more changes soon to come for the fall.

The computer lab will be reorganizing itself to offer a "less boxy office" and more of a relaxed atmosphere, according to Joe Windish, lead technical specialist for instructional support.

According to Wade Johnston, a Technical Support Associate, this was a planned replacement funded from the Technology Fee paid by students.

"The Macs and PCs were here from 2004, and I think any computer

person would know that a five-year gap is huge for technological advances, (needs improvement in) memory, video cards and all that stuff," Johnston said.

According to a preliminary budget for the revamp, the total cost should be around \$30,000 which includes new computer desks and new stools for the desks. Windish stressed that neither the new computers nor the redesign would lead to an increase in the Technology Fee.

The new computers will give students increased speed, as well as more convenient USB ports for jumpdrives.

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## New college admission policy promotes diversity

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS  
STAFF REPORTER

The lack of diversity that is found within Georgia's universities has brought about the creation of a tentative admissions policy known as the Georgia Promise.

Through this alternative admission policy, graduating high school students who have a grade point average in the top 10 percent of their graduating class shall be automatically admitted into an institution in the University System of Georgia, according to Senate Bill 221.

While this promise is fairly new to the state of Georgia, other states have already taken steps towards increasing the diversity within their state's colleges and universities, through their own alternative admission policies.

With the possible implementation of this policy, many questions arise about the positive and negative impact of the Georgia Promise.

Janet McLachlan, Baldwin High School mathematics teacher, "suppose(s) that it could be a good idea, yet often good ideas can be construed."

Though grade point average would be the sole factor deciding student placement under this policy, there are many other factors that could affect the outcome of this policy—such as school size, minority population and differences in what the top 10 percent GPA is from

### POPULATION BREAK DOWN QQQQQQ

	Baldwin County	Georgia
Population Estimate	46,057	9,544,750
White	54.80%	65.60%
Black	42.80%	30.00%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.20%	0.30%
Asian	1.30%	2.80%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0.10%
Two or More Races	0.80%	1.20%
Hispanic/ Latino	1.40%	7.80%

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SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GRAPHIC BY MATT CHAMBERS

school to school.

There is only a slight difference between the percent of minorities present in Georgia and the percent of minorities present in the University System of Georgia institutions;

however, the problem results in the uneven distribution of diversity among Georgia's universities. Not every Georgia institution seems to reflect that of the state's minority population.

With the issue not necessarily lying solely on the amount of minorities that are enrolling into college,

it seems that the lack of diversity is due to which college/ university students are choosing to attend.

While many students may choose to look at location, university size and the availability of their major, it seems the issue of diversity has always had different persuading factors from some minorities' point of view.

"My decision to attend this university was based on its diversity," Kiara Jones, a GCSU psychology major said. "From the

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# Bikers roll in bids

## Motorcycle-themed Athletic Auction raises money through community donations

BY AUBRY PETKAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Trips, tires and traffic lights are only a few of the items won at GCSU's 11th Annual Athletic Auction, last Saturday night.

The auction raised about \$40,000, enough money to support 20 athletes on scholarship.

Local businesses along with parents and community members contributed donations such as a romantic night in the legendary Ritz-Carlton Lodge, a baseball signed by Bobby Cox, a seven night stay at Summer Bay Resort in Orlando and a dinner with GCSU President Dr. Dorothy Leland at the Old Governor's Mansion.

This year's festivities at the auction included a guest, The Rx Band, a local six-piece group that played oldies such as "I Love Rock and Roll" and "Brown Eyed Girl."

Stan Aldridge, GCSU's recently retired former athletic director and mastermind behind the Athletic Auction, was in full gear for this year's motorcycle themed festivities sporting a bandana.

"The Athletic Auction started out small but is now our biggest fundraiser of the year," Aldridge said. "Since 1998, the auction has raised close to \$600,000 for student scholarships."

Donations have typically raised between \$35,000 and \$40,000 each year to be put toward scholarships for student-athletes who excel both on the playing field and working in the classroom.

"All of the athletes on scholarships are blessed," said Tiauna Brantley, women's basketball team member and a scholarship recipient. "The Athletic Auction is wonderful and is a great opportunity to raise money."

According to Patti Weimer, ad-



CLARE DYKES/ SENIOR REPORTER  
Thunder Rolls, the theme of the 2009 Athletic Auction, raised money for athletic scholarships with both a silent and live auction the Saturday night.

ministrative assistant to the athletic department, the auction holds a dual purpose.

"One—for the Academic Excellence Scholarship," Weimer said. "And two—for special projects when there is money left over."

Redoing floors and building dugouts are examples of special projects.

The Academic Excellence Scholarship is for entering freshman with a 3.5 GPA, as measured by the admissions department. Students after receiving the scholarship must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Tickets were \$100 per couple or \$500 for a reserved table. The tickets included dinner, an open bar, an opportunity to bid on donated items and a chance to win a \$10,000 reverse raffle.

There are currently 67 students

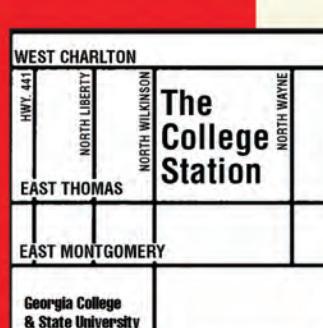
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**-Tiauna  
Brantley**

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## Tea party

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Georgians looked to the original message of the constitution and a return to the principals of the founding fathers.

"The people with signs and the people protesting had a very positive message, 'we want lower taxes, we want a change,' and I think that is what will make the difference in our republic," Joel Graham, senior, said.

Americans of all ages joined the protest which was more of a peaceful gathering of traditional pride and nationalism.

The event empowered the people to put action behind the message of change and urged them to make Washington and Congress listen. Speakers across the nation joined in urging the public to take back their country, to preserve their rights and have accurate representation in Congress.

Even the nation's youth turned out to protest the massive amounts of debt the government was pouring on them.

"If you don't have pride, what do you have to work towards?" Caitlin McCourt, freshman, said. "I think American pride gives us a reason to better our society, to give us a society we are proud to live in."

Signs, displays of the red, white and blue and Americans of all socioeconomic classes showed concern for the future generations that will carry the burden of this generation's debt. With a strong voice, these Americans have regained the spirit of national pride and are ready to take responsibility for the nation.



STEPHANIE SORENSEN/ STAFF REPORTER  
Signs protesting taxation stood above the crowd at a rally in front of the Capitol building Wednesday.



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Businessmen and students join the tax day rally against President Obama's taxation policies.

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people I can't even give names," Marshall said. "Everybody is so nice. Nobody gives me no hard time."

Though Marshall has spent the past 29 years making friends at GCSU, there are many pages of his life that have been left unturned by those who merely make small talk with him between classes or before practice.

Marshall was born on April 27, 1930 to Mary Marshall and was one of seven children. He was named after his grandfather, Brown Marshall, who helped his mother and grandmother raise him along with his three brothers and three sisters.

"I ain't went to too much school," Marshall said. "It wasn't like it is now. We had to work out in the country."

Marshall's first real job was at a saw mill; the only problem with the outdoor job was that employees couldn't work when it was raining. One rainy morning he and the guys were at their usual hangout near City Hall when a man drove up and yelled out, "any of ya'll wanna work?"

"What kinda work?" Marshall asked. "Pipes."

"I'll try," Marshall replied.

He was taken to Griffin Pipe Company where he made bricks, blocks and pipes. He needed a job "for rain or shine" but did not like the work at first, nor was he thrilled about being nicknamed "pebble-head" on his first day on the job.

"I didn't like it, and I said wasn't going back next week," Marshall said. "Then I got my first paycheck, and I did

like that."

So, he went back the next week, and every week after that until the company closed 25 years later.

After losing that job, again, Marshall was "hanging out with the guys" near City Hall when a man came up and asked him if he had considered putting in an application at Georgia College.

"He said be there at the same time the next day, and I was" said Marshall. "I got hired right there in the same spot."

The next day he began work at GCSU, where he has been for the last 29 years. He is there faithfully every weekday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., except for when he takes his lunch break, often eating "soul food" at one of his favorite restaurants, Country Buffet on South Jefferson Street.

After work, aside from going to GCSU athletic events, Marshall enjoys spending time with "Sweet Thang," his "lady friend" of 40 years. (Marshall has never been married and has no children. He jokingly states that he and "Sweet Thang" are both "players.")

When discussing both his relationship with Sweet Thang and long time career at GCSU, he simply stated: "I thought it was a small thing. Sometimes small things turn into big things, you know."

In his 78 years, the seemingly small greetings and friendly smiles he has given certainly have made a big difference. The long time GCSU employee will celebrate his 79th birthday later this month, but "Kool" says that age is just a number, and though he has been working here for 29 years, he plans to be here for 29 more.

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beginning to the tenth grade I attended a public school which was all black."

Jones spent her junior and senior year at a majority white school. She felt that attending GCSU would be most like the real world. From Jones' point of view, seeking diversity meant attending a college that had a population that reflected a majority that was not necessarily identical to her ethnicity.

However, not all minority college students have this belief about diversity. Lauren Mills, a junior who attends

Spelman, a historically black college, has an alternative point of view about diversity.

"I have attended majority white schools from K-3 through my senior year of high school, but I always knew that I wanted to attend a school that made the minority in the real world the majority," Mills said. "Diversity is great, but why should I have to attend a school where I feel like an outsider?"

Diversity is in the eye of the beholder, and Georgia's promise for diversity may need to be regulated through the placement of the top graduates in specific colleges/ universities.

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at GCSU receiving scholarships funded by the Athletic Department with help from the Athletic Auction.

The auction held in the Centennial Center, requires a lot of volunteer work and invested time. According to Weimer, preparations for the auction began as early as January.

The Auction's Committee was set up and members, made up of community residents and faculty, worked on the committee to figure out what kind of ideas and business packages for the silent auction would go over the best and raise the most money.

"We lumped donations from local and surrounding businesses together," said Joni Smith, member of the Auction's Committee, and wife to head chair Ted Smith. "So packages up for

**"It's about bringing the community and the school together."**

**-Patti Weimer**

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fall 2006, and students who enrolled in fall 2006 or fall 2007 saw no change in tuition rates. However, USG approved new tuition rates for incoming freshmen prior to fall 2008, an overall state increase of 7.7 percent from the previous rates.

At GCSU, and other state colleges, the increase was slightly lower, at six percent. These new rates were supposed to cover increased costs associated with attending Georgia schools, and students currently under the program will not have their tuition affected. The Board also changed the definition of a "full-time" undergraduate, increasing the hours from 12 to 15. Thus, incoming 2009 freshmen and students who enrolled in USG schools prior to 2006 will be charged \$190 per credit hour up to 15 hours but nothing extra for any hours beyond 15. The two exceptions are the University of Georgia and the Georgia Institute of Technology, who will begin new "flat-rate" plans.

Leland recognized the flaws in the system.

"The 'Fixed for Four' plan (presented) some fiscal challenges for institutions," Leland said. "Because tuition funds a significant portion of the basic operating budgets of universities, the initial tuition rate for freshmen must be set higher than otherwise to reflect projected increases in operating costs over a four-year period. If actual operating costs significantly exceed predicted costs, institutions are left with budget shortfalls."

Leland is not the only college presi-

bid would be more cohesive."

Some of the local business donations create quite a buzz for auction attendees. A mad scramble of scribbling and bidding is a definite result as the last seconds of the silent auction dwindle away.

Karen Hicks, a Milledgeville local who also chaired the auction in 2005 and 2006, had some bidding tips.

"It's good to have a system," Hicks said. "As time runs out you can forget what you bid on, so it's good to keep track of the table color and item number."

With an open bar at the event it might also be a good idea to remember how much money you have allotted for the night's festivities.

"In the end it's not about the money," Weimer said. "It's about bringing the community and the school together. It's a good way to get people on campus that don't usually come. And it's for a great cause."

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dent who felt the plan was hurting schools more than it was helping. University of Georgia president Michael Adams and Georgia State University's then-president Carl Patton both gave poor reviews of the plan in 2008 to the Associated Press, with Patton calling it "not economically viable."

Leland explained why the long-term fixed tuition rate hindered school budget plans.

"Institutions must be able to carry forward a portion of tuition received by incoming freshmen in order to have funds to pay for increases in subsequent years," Leland said. "When institutions are unable to carry forward an appropriate percentage of tuition received, they also experience budget shortfalls."

With the current economic recession in mind, the plan made less sense, particularly regarding incoming freshmen and their parents.

"This year, as a result of the economic downturn, budget cuts have left institutions without tuition 'carry-forward' and this will present significant challenges to their ability to continue programs and services for students at the current level," Leland said. "A very substantial tuition increase for incoming freshmen would help to cover the shortfall, but some would argue that this places a disproportionate share of the burden on new freshmen."

With the "Fixed for Four" plan now defunct, future USG students and their parents will not pay preset rates for the first four years of college; however, they are also less likely to face dramatic tuition hikes from year to year to account for poor budget planning.

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where it has been located in recent years.

The Director of the GIVE Center, Kendall Stiles, said GCSU is an important factor for Relay. Stiles has participated in Relay for Life for the past 10 to 12 years and was the chair for Baldwin County from 1998 to 2002.

"(Relay for Life) has a good solid foundation of college students," Stiles said.

The economy is the culprit for the lower donations and volunteers according to American Cancer Society Community Manager of Baldwin County, Lindsyi Pearson.

"The economy has definitely impacted what people are able to give, but it is amazing to see that people do still give even when they are hurting," Pearson said. "People know that cancer is still with us, even when the economy is bad; people are still suffering, possibly even more during this time. So (Relay for Life) still has to come together to try to help."

Baldwin County public schools'



CLAIRE KERSEY/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Georgia Military College showed its support for breast cancer awareness.

spring break fell on the same weekend as the event this year which may have prevented high school students from participating.

Despite the event's shortcomings, it was considered a success.

"It was a tremendous success,"

Nutt said. "We raised money to help eliminate cancer. We had somber moments as we remembered those lost to cancer and joyous moments as we celebrated survivors who have won their battle with cancer. There was fun, food and fellowship for everyone in the county who attended this unique overnight event."

Most of the Relay for Life teams are still collecting donations until August which is the end of Relay for Life's fiscal year.

The top five Relay for Life teams were: first place, Century Bank and Trust, \$9,693.27; second place, Central State Hospital, \$9,115.28; third place, Creekside Elementary, \$8,665.90; fourth place, Baldwin High School, \$6,647.59 and fifth place, First United Methodist Church, \$6,416.85.

Relay for Life was thankful for all the help it received at the event.

"Thank you to all the (GCSU) teams and volunteers who helped make Relay 2009 a resounding success," Nutt said. "Every donation from students, faculty and staff, no matter how large or small, is deeply appreciated."



CLAIRE KERSEY/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Survivors and supporters join the fight against breast cancer and Milledgeville's Relay for Life, an all-night fundraiser.

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Xana Zaidi, their sorority is also seeking group housing approval from the city.

"I don't like (the ordinance)," said Lobstein. "But we fought for our house, and I think we get to keep it."

Lobstein and Zaidi expressed concern for the ordinance restrictions, especially at a time when many people are making housing arrangements for the start of a new school year.

Mervin Graham, director of city and zoning for Milledgeville, offers copies of the housing ordinance in her office and online for students who wish to look into the details of the ordinance.

"It's like a rezoning application which will go before the city council twice before approval," Graham said.

To apply for group housing status, a group of students or student organizations must pick up a copy of the official housing ordinance and application from the city.

After reviewing the ordinance, students must make sure the house in question meets

all ordinance requirements including: fire safety codes, parking for each resident and requirements of the historic district for the house.

After filling out an application, students must wait for approval by the City Council. Council members will deliberate and vote on the issue after the application for group housing and re-zoning appears before the council twice.

The city encourages students to familiarize themselves with the ordinance and process of applying for group housing status.

"You really need to check out the ordinance," said Graham. "It is available online and in my office."

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at the Oconee River Greenway off Highway 22. The clean up will focus on removing trash from around the greenway. The Environmental Science Club will also be planting a tree to commemorate Arbor Day.

Starting at 11 a.m., Saturday morning there will be a wide variety of activities and booths on Front Campus. The activities include: open-mic entertainment, tie dying, t-shirt sales and even a demonstration of a bio-fuel generator. At 5 p.m., there will be a contest to build a fort from only recyclable materials.

Through the night Saturday the voice actor of Captain Planet will be hanging around dressed in costume to meet students and support the cause.

After the fort contest, at 6 p.m., there will be live music from the

Black and White Horror Picture Show, Los JazzBanditos and K-Macks. The concert is free to the public and will last until around 10 p.m.

To wrap up Earthfest, there's a hike at Bartram Forest at 3 p.m. Hikers can ride their bikes or hike the trail on foot. Individuals planning to attend should meet at the Selma Irwin entrance.

Students like freshman Lauren Tripi are looking forward to the information EarthFest will provide.

"I think that EarthFest is good because it'll help students learn ways to help the environment," said Tripi.

Other students were a little less enthused but remained positive about the event.

"Personally I don't see it as a great big deal, but I guess anything promoting taking care of the earth is a good thing, so all in all I approve," said freshman Tyler Pederson.



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# Our Voice

## Green Fee should have passed

Since the Green Fee was mentioned last semester, GCSU students and faculty as well as those of us at The Colonnade were hopeful for an increasingly eco-friendly campus. The money, which would come from an extra five dollars added to the current student fees would benefit the campus's efforts towards on-campus recycling and the use of alternative energy among other things.

Students have shown a clear desire for ways that they can help the earth while being on campus. Residence hall residents have begun their own recycling program and many students have taken notice of the energy use. Many professors have ceased printing their syllabi in lieu of paper-free online alternatives. It is apparent that this is an issue that weighs on the minds of the GCSU campus community.

Unfortunately, though, not everyone has proven to be as passionate about creating a greener campus. On Tuesday, the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents rejected the proposed Green Fee. This means that we will go an additional school year without any effort backed by the University budget to create a more earth-friendly way of life here at GCSU. The refusal of the five-dollar fee wasn't the only result of the board meeting, though. Their decisions include raising both the student activity and the health fees by seven dollars, the technology fee by three dollars, the parking and transportation fee 14 dollars and the athletic fee 12 dollars.

While an additional fee of five dollars would be an added burden to student's wallets, we at The Colonnade believe it would be a necessary responsibility of the students. As the representative of GCSU that quite possibly uses the most paper, we are very conscious of our recycling habits. Because we understand the importance of being aware of our waste, we recycle all of our extra newspapers at the end of each week. We are also mindful of our energy use when we are not in the office.

While students, professors and RSO's can monitor their own successes in being more "green," any financial help (an expected \$60,000) from the university budget would undoubtedly benefit the students, the campus and the world around us.

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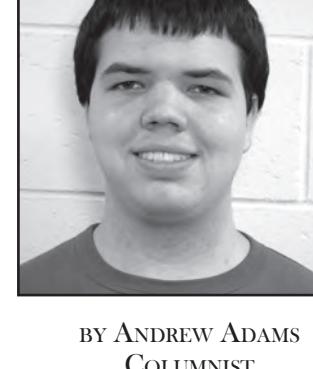
## THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



*Green Fee Rejected by the Board of Regents*

## Trading missile shield is bad



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

President Bush was rightfully criticized for many of his unconstitutional actions to keep us safe following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Those actions like the Patriot Act, wiretapping and suspending habeas corpus need to end now. Unfortunately, President Obama has done absolutely nothing to end these gross constitutional violations.

But there is one great thing that President Bush did to keep us safe that was constitutional. He negotiated an agreement to put a nuclear missile shield in Poland to intercept nuclear

missiles that are aimed at either America or Western Europe. This ingenious plan has the potential to save many millions of lives.

Obama inherited three tyrannical, unconstitutional policies and one really great plan to protect us and our Western allies. Guess which one the president is trying to get rid of?

Obama is offering a deal to the Iranian government where the US government would end construction of the missile shield if Iran promises not to build nuclear weapons. A few months ago, rumors of this came out, but the Obama Administration denied what they called the "quid pro quo" deal. However, according to the Los Angeles Times on April 6, while Obama was speaking in Prague, he said, "If the Iranian threat is eliminated, we will have a stronger basis for security, and the driving force for missile defense construction in Europe will be removed."

Before deciding whether this is a good idea or bad idea, let's examine the deal. This missile shield has the potential to thwart a nuclear attack from any nation, or terrorist group, in the Middle East or Russia. So, it will protect us, and our Western allies, from a nuclear attack from Iran if they are successful in their quest for nuclear weapons.

Sounds like a pretty high bargaining chip to me.

In return for us dismantling protection from a nuclear attack, Iran must promise to stop trying to build a nuclear weapon. That would be nice, but we all know that Iran is a key supporter of terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah among others.

What is to stop them from funneling their resources to a terrorist group who would then potentially build a nuclear weapon and attack us or our allies?

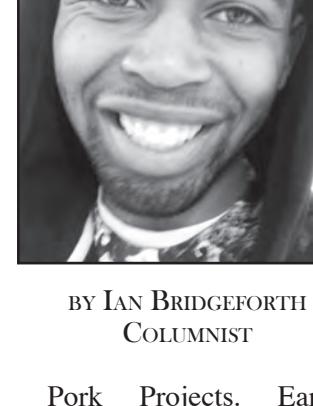
It's hard to believe that someone as intelligent as President Obama actually thinks that this is a fair

trade.

The president came into office campaigning on the fact that he would improve our relations with Europe. Former Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman believes that Obama might inadvertently be weakening our alliances. In a letter to the president, Senator Lieberman wrote, "Cooperation on missile defense is now a critical component of many of our closest security partnerships around the world. We fear that cuts to the budget for missile defense could inadvertently undermine these relationships and foster the impression that the United States is an unreliable ally."

If the world continues to get crazier with the likes of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong Il and Hugo Chavez trying to bully the world, we will need every resource and asset we have to protect us and our allies. And that missile shield in Poland is an asset we cannot afford to lose.

## The problems with pork spending



BY IAN BRIDGEFORTH  
COLUMNIST

Pork Projects. Earmarks. "Wasteful" Spending. It was all the rage in the campaign last year. Obama said he'd cut wasteful pork barrel spending. McCain said he'd veto all pet projects that came across his desk. Yadda yadda yadda. Politicians are known for grandstanding on issues like this just to score political points. There was

the the "outrage" over the AIG bonuses (which most of them knew about months ago), the "grilling" of Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on their economic policies and the age old "denunciation and repudiation" of pork barrel spending. Pathetically, the latter issue has reared its ugly head again in recent news.

The nonpartisan watchdog group Citizens Against Government Waste is out again with its annual "Pig Book." The "Pig Book" is a list of lawmakers whom the watchdog group deems as the biggest panhandlers for pork. It includes members of both the House and Senate.

This year they reported

that over 10,000 pet projects are stuffed into 12 appropriations bills totalling up to \$19.6 billion. This is a 14 percent increase from 2008. The president of this watchdog group, Tom Schatz, is now saying that the taxpayers are ready to "revolt" and even going to the extent of awarding Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid the "Porkasaurus" award.

It is time for this charade to stop. Everyone moans and groans about how pet projects are irresponsible and how they are too much wasteful spending...unless it's spending in their own state. That is when everything changes.

First off, what necessarily counts as wasteful spending? What might be wasteful to one person could be employment to another. Lets take one of the most

usual pet projects that end up in bills, museums. And say US Congressman John Barrow slips in a project to build a museum here in Milledgeville. Now to someone in Alaska, this could be viewed as irresponsible and wasteful spending. But in Milledgeville this is employment for who knows how many people.

If that pet project Tom Schatz is so adamant about cutting would give say, his son or daughter, a job in this troubled economy, I can almost guarantee his tune would change.

So please, lets all stop this "outrage" and "outrage" about this age old topic of pet projects. Everyone's against them when they aren't affecting them. But when it hits their town, it's a totally different story.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Pride Alliance drag show

Dear Editor,

For the past couple of weeks I have been reading The Colonnade in order to see if anything about the Third Annual Charity Drag Show had been published. I can understand that the Friday, March 13 issue would have not had it as the Drag Show was that day; however, what I cannot understand is how nothing, not one single word, was mentioned in the past two issues (over a full month later). I talked with the reporter that was there and she said that the reason it was not in the issue following, April 3, was because there was not enough room. That is understandable and I was hoping to see something in this past issue, April 10. However, I did not.

There was nothing in the features section but a story that does not directly affect this school on the front page. The story that I am referring to is "Earthquake." This story does not directly affect our lives here at college when it only

affected Lake Sinclair. Students may have been there but what about the activities on campus that students also go to, do they not deserve the same respect and time?

I also would like to point out that our drag show was for charity. We were raising money for other programs that need it. We would like more people to come next year and help support whatever charity we may donate to, but we cannot do that if we do not have any publicity on it from the past years. You have a broad spectrum of readers that I am sure would be willing to help a good cause while also have fun doing it. So please, help us help other people around this community and throughout our state by publishing about the Pride Alliance's Third Annual Charity Drag Show.

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Sophomore  
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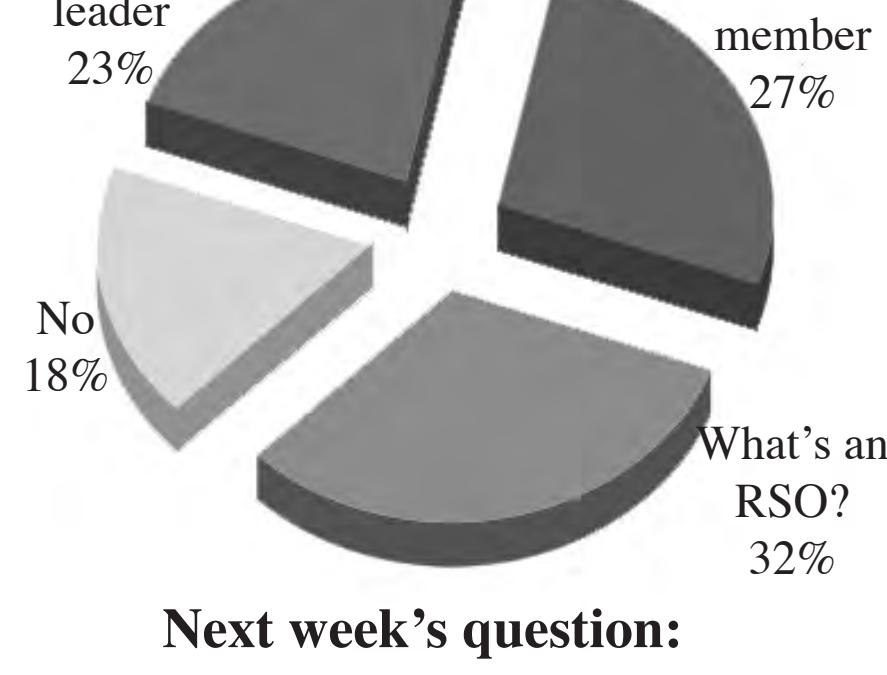
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- In last week's Colonnade, the photo titled, "Carmina Burana et cetera" pictures Jeremy Skidmore.

#### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY COREY DICKSTEIN

### Are you involved in an RSO on campus?



### Next week's question: Are you upset that the Green Fee did not pass?

- Yes
- No
- Indifferent
- What is that?

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## Bobcat Beat

*Did you pay your taxes and have you gotten a refund?*



**"Yes, and no, not yet."**

*Leash Nazarro, junior, mass communication*

**"Yes, I got back a very beneficial amount."**

*Brittany Wagman, freshman, Marketing*



**"I just faxed mine yesterday."**

*Lindsey Forester, freshman, undeclared*

**"My parents did them for me."**

*Mary Alice Richardson, sophomore, liberal studies*



**"I don't pay them, my parents do."**

*Sarah Levince, freshman, undeclared*

*Reported by Taylor Ehramjian and Lissa Spear*

## The Litter Box

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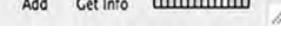
Ayn Rand on President Barack Obama (if she were still here)-- "If a [leader] evades, equivocates and hides his stand under a junk-heap of random concretes, we must add up those concretes and judge him accordingly. If his stand is mixed, we must evaluate it by asking: Will he protect freedom or destroy the last of it? Will he accelerate, delay or stop the march toward statism?"

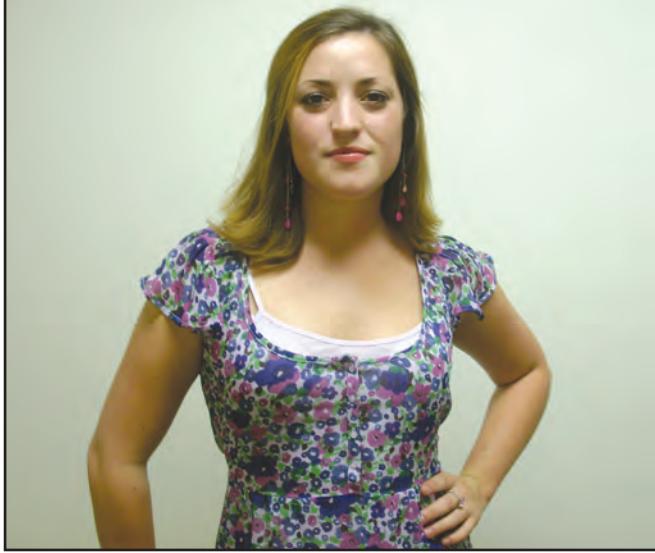
Believe it or not your little remote-controlled car that you're racing around the bobcat parking lot isn't cool. It's annoying. As a matter of fact, once I send this vent, I'm going to run it over with my big person's car.

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The Colonnade Vent is now on twitter. Need to vent about something? Send your tweet to @VentGCSU. Help us fill this space and get those frustrations off you chest at the same time!

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## SPRING INTRODUCES NEW FASHION



From left to right. Top Row; Mary Kate Holland, Belinda Dennis and Sarah Hazard, Corey Lopez. Bottom Row; Quellyen Kennedy, Mike Murphy, Kali Pilgrim. The faces of fashion vary, and the individuals wearing the fashion give their clothing life. Clothes on a hanger have no meaning; however, when YOU are wearing them, statements are made.

## VINTAGE FASHION MAKES COMEBACK

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

Fashion Week is an age old tradition and the highlight of the fashion world as the new season's clothes hit the catwalk in New York City. For the spring 2009 season there are a lot of old styles that have come back and some new ideas to choose from as well. In Milledgeville, students and faculty can fashionably present themselves with the aid of these fresh looks.

One style that has many people excited is the sophisticated trench, as seen in Tommy Hilfiger's line. With its upgrade this season, there is finally a jacket long enough to wear over a long evening gown or party dress. Along with the trench, the military jacket, often known as the "Sergeant Pepper jacket" for its appearance on the cover of the Beatles' 1967 album, has also come back onto the market. Although for many body shapes it is a hit and miss, for others it is a great substitute to a blazer. Britnee Richardson, sophomore biology major, loves many of the season's new styles, including these new jackets.

"The military has given us some of the greatest fashions," said Richardson. "Military jackets are cute and I doubt that they will ever go out of style. They will just continue to be modified with their materials and colors."

Another new style staged at Fashion Week is relaxed-fit pants. Put the skinny and wide-leg jeans in the back of the closet, because relaxed-fit is spring's "must-have" according to Glamour.com. The new cut is roomy at the hips and narrow right above the ankle, and is said to flatter every body type, as well as offer ease.

"(Relaxed-fit pants) is a look that everyone can

pull off no matter what their personality is," said Richardson.

Some classics that have returned to the runway are the black-on-white prints, sequins, 80s flare, and embellished boho. Although black-on-white prints never really go out of style, new patterns and designs were all over the spring catwalk from numerous designers. The neo-hippie, natural look returned from more recent fashion shows with only a little more focus on embellishment. Alexander Wang, an up-coming fashion designer that presents modernist-meet-vagabond style, brought the 80's flare back

*"I've always been a fan of loud colors, no matter on dresses, shirts, skirts, pants or hats."*

*-Kelsi Nilsson*

into the fashion scene with plenty of cropped cuts and bright colors that seemingly collaborated with the revival of sequins.

"I've always been a fan of loud colors, no matter on dresses, shirts, skirts, pants or hats," said Kelsi Nilsson, a sophomore mass communications major. "I'm really glad that designers are incorporating these bold colors into their lines this season. I've also always loved the hippie-chic look, which is coming back for summer."

One of the most do-able and loved looks of the season is hot acid colors being added to simple silhouette outfits, reminding older designers of '90s collections. Designer Isaac Mizrahi featured this style in a clean, innovative way. Alix Erola-Rebellato, sophomore pre-nursing major, joins Nilsson in her appreciation of these bright colors.

"Bright colors are coming back, which is awesome

because everyone can find a bright color they look good in," said Rebellato. "They're so much fun that you can't help being happy when you wear them!"

Keeping with this trend, the new colors for the season are magenta and cantaloupe shades, leaving the cobalt-blue behind in 2008.

Accessories for the season are being dominated by oversized necklaces, big bangles and oversized pattern bags. It seems the simpler the outfit, the better the accessories need to be. However, Rebellato thinks the bags need to be used in moderation.

"Oversized bags have been in for a long time, but I really don't like seeing ladies carrying mini suitcases with them," said Rebellato. "They aren't practical and, if anything, they tend to hide a great outfit more than accentuate it. Who really needs that much stuff anyways?"

"One outfit that will not need these new accessories is the pastel suits. Pastel suits pin on the office essential by turning out blazer-and-trouser combos in soft pastel shades," said Glamour.com. For professors or interning seniors, this new style will get you more excited about going into the office.

The most controversial outfits of the season are the mix-and-match funky patterns and zipper accents. The mix-and-match gives many rebellious fashion-istas the excuse to go a little outside the lines, matching patterns that would normally not go together. Rebellato said she admires this bold style when done tastefully.

As for the zippers, they are usually associated with more punk fashion; they were presented on many designers more feminine pieces. Richardson is unsure about the zippers.

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## ESSENTIAL 10 items for a fresh spring wardrobe ELEMENTS

Inside View



1. Flat Wallet
2. Antique Earrings
3. Sandals
4. Sunglasses
5. Chic Dress
6. Three-Quarter Length Cardigan
7. Jeweled Necklace
8. Cocktail Ring
9. Beaded Bracelets
10. Spring Scarf

Kristen Hall knows exactly how to add the perfect accessories to her outfits. Her spring scarf complements her cardigan perfectly and are also two of the essential elements.

# APRIL SHOWERS BRINGS MAY FLOWERS

FAUX  
PAS  
BY BRYAN SMITH  
COLUMNIST

Scuttling through pedestrians, bicycles and jagged sidewalks last Thursday, I was eager to tune in to ESPN to watch my beloved Yankees play on Major League Baseball's Opening Day.

Needless to say, I was baffled when I saw the large obnoxious patches that covered the back of the Yankees' caps. The patch commemorates the opening of the new Yankee Stadium and, typical of modern sports ownership, is essentially there to encourage fans to add another New Era fitted to their collection. While I was not at all compelled to shell out \$35 for another commemorative Yankee item (which seems to have become a yearly tradition), I did think about some of the ugly sports uniforms that I have unfortunately bared witness to.

I have heard stories and seen photographs about some of the classic sports uglies from years past. The 1970s Houston Astros' neon orange tops and the San Diego Padres' manure brown ensembles of the same era immediately came to mind. However, the jock gear that I identify with best is from the era I grew up in, the 1990s.

The uniforms of the 90s had some bad apples to say the least. Numerous expansion teams began play during the decade, and just about none of them could design a uniform fit for players over the age of 12. I never could figure out why the NBA's Toronto Raptors decided to put what looked like a deranged version of Barney the Dinosaur on the front of their first jerseys.

After he was traded to the Rockets in 1999, original Raptor Carlos Rogers was subjected to further punishment by having to play in front of thousands while sporting another logo that looked like it came from the Disney Studios.

The madness extended to the ice, where the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim wore, you guessed it, jerseys that actually did come from the Disney studios. There are not many sights stranger than a grown man flying down an ice rink with a picture of Donald Duck in a hockey mask on his chest.

Not even the hallowed gridirons of the NFL were safe from the bad taste explosion. In 1994, the League brought back old school jerseys for select games in celebration of its 75th anniversary. It then became apparent that the first televised games were broadcast in black and white not because of technological issues, but rather to prevent viewers from seeing just how tacky the old Chicago Bears looked. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, however, did not have any excuse for having a graphic of a badly sunburned Long John Silver on their helmets through the 1996 season.

The best uniforms, sans special cap patches, belong to the aforementioned Yankees. Their home jerseys, white with distinctive pinstripes, have made even the most unkempt players (see: David Wells) look like baseball royalty. The uniforms of the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers also standout as simple designs that capture the elements of style.

Apart from aesthetics, the appeal of all three teams' uniforms is undoubtedly tied into their tremendous history of success in winning championships. So, by that logic, if the Oklahoma City Thunder win four of the next five NBA Championships... no, their uniforms will still be ugly.

As we mark out the days until summer, we notice a change in the weather that brings about a fun addition in our fashion attire. With April's showers we bring out our rain boots, rain coats and umbrellas.

College consists of a lot of walking in order to get around campus, and rain attire make rainy days easier.

For college students all across America, rain boots are a must have that help you get to class on time and into the classroom ready to partake in the day's lesson.



Cayla McMicheal, a GCSU sophomore, is ready for anything that Milledgeville weather pours her way. Dressed in rain boots and covered by an umbrella, McMicheal is dry and ready to conquer the rest of her day.

## STYLE THAT TAKES A BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

In a time where names like Louis Vuitton, Marc Jacobs and Michael Kors are as well known as the celebrities wearing their clothing lines, personal fashion style can say as much about a person as their actions.

Senior mass communication major Amanda Cepero feels that her fashion style sets her apart as an individual.

"If I had to put a title on my style it'd be Modern Modesty Ownership. I love taking blasts from the past and making them modern. I am incredibly aware of my modesty and take great strides to preserve it," Cepero said. "I believe that you can wear whatever you want and as long as you own it, it's yours. I like to think I take full ownership of the things I wear despite what others may say or think."

Cepero's unique style was not always her trademark; her personality began to shine through her outfits most after she came to college.

"When I was younger I wasn't really into clothes that much. It started as I got into college and was really able to afford different avenues and different clothes. I didn't feel like I was so engrossed in this high school mentality of trying to please other people," Cepero said. "I finally grew out of that and really started playing with my clothes seeing what I wanted and what I liked to do."

Fashion really became a passion for Cepero the summer of '07 when she pursued a study abroad program to England.

"Actually going to London really put everything in overdrive for me, it was a huge inspiration. I went for study abroad in London last summer and took a PR class and a theater class and really had a wild time. I loved it and I'm planning to go back in the summer to do an internship if everything works in my favor," Cepero said.

Cepero's style was impacted greatly by her trip to London and she continued to strive for her sense of self through her fashion. Leggings and tights were very popular this winter in the fashion world and Cepero's took that trend and made it her own.

"Right now my favorite accessory is



Cepero's style shines so bright that she even catches a mural's attention.

my pair of black stirrup tights. They carried me through winter with great strength, and despite the holes, have made a place in my heart," Cepero said. "I plan to keep them around until they're completely tattered."

As it is with any passion, fashion inspiration comes from many different sources. Cepero especially has many things she looks to for ideas and support.

"I draw inspiration from all over the place, but more specifically: London, Atlanta, Milledgeville (believe it or not), style blogs like Glamcanyon.com, my friends, the 80s, Cuba...and the list goes on, but there's the nutshell version," Cepero said.

Many times first impressions are very important and things like the clothes on a person's back can really create that good or bad response to someone. Either way, Cepero believes in freedom of expression through clothing and style and that these can really make a difference on people.

"What a person has on can say a lot about how they feel or what kind of day they may be having," Cepero said. "Everyone has something different to say with what they wear, but sometimes messages get muddled and confused, so jumping to conclusions is never wise when it comes to clothes. You know what they say about assuming..."

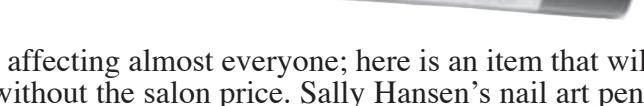
## ITEM OF THE SEASON

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS

Spring brings about warm weather and the desire to have beautifully painted toenails and fingernails. With harsh economic times affecting almost everyone; here is an item that will give you a salon nail look without the salon price. Sally Hansen's nail art pens come in a variety of colors and are as easy to use as a Sharpie marker. While they are only \$7 at your local Wal-Mart, these pens are great for French tips, or any other design you can imagine.

### Spring

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"I am not too sure about this zipper idea," Richardson said, "maybe only in moderation. The fashion industry and department stores may shock me by presenting some pieces that make this daring and bold look work."

Overall, the Spring 2009 Collection offers something for everyone – from bringing back vintage designs to completely modernizing them into something new. Whether going to dinner, to classes or to the office, there is something offered for every GCSU student or faculty member willing to try something new.

## PUMPS, TIES, RESUMES

Doing well in an interview is based on more than your credentials. Your interview attire may also play a major role in the interviewer's decision making process. Check out key accessories that will put the finishing touches on your interview.



John R. Parker Jr., GCSU freshman, prepares for his internship interview by looking up resource information.

1. A buttoned up shirt adorned with a crisp tie, gives the look of confidence needed for success.
2. A basic charcoal gray suit makes preparing for an interview an easy process. The complementary pant and jacket are a key piece for a job interview.



Katie Williams, GCSU freshman, waits patiently before entering an interview.

1. A basic top will look dressy when paired with a necklace.
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Senior Art Major Sara Fleetwood poses in Blackbird Coffee with her art exhibit "Birds of Peace."



ARTWORK BY SARA FLEETWOOD

A Zambian girl looks up at Sara's camera during Sara's stay in Zambia.

## FLOCKSTOCK '09

### Blackbird hosts month-long fundraiser for impoverished nation

BY KATELYN HEBERT  
SENIOR REPORTER

Music, film, improvisation and other art-focused events are being held at Blackbird Coffee this month as part of Flockstock '09 to raise money for orphaned and impoverished children in Africa and India through the non-profit organization Make a Difference.

Sara Fleetwood, GCSU alumna who earned a bachelor's of art, coordinated all of the events going on this month to benefit a cause she is passionate about.

From June to July 2007, Fleetwood set out to do her part, after

much correspondence with the director of Make a Difference.

"I was very impressed by the genuine interest (the director) took in me and my desire to volunteer. So the summer after my sophomore year, my best friend and I ventured off to Zambia for one month," Fleetwood said. "It was such a wonderful experience that we are both going to return this year for a more extended period of time."

Fleetwood's passion for underprivileged children and families gave her the dedication to organize and plan Flockstock.

"We have actually been think-

ing about doing a month long fundraiser at Blackbird for over a year," Fleetwood said. "After I got back from Zambia it became apparent to me that what we as Americans consider very little money can do a lot in impoverished areas of the world."

John Fogleman, senior liberal arts major and barista at Blackbird, helped Sara organize the events for Flockstock.

"We originally wanted to do (Flockstock) about a year and a half ago but we didn't have enough time to plan it. Seeing it come to fruition and actually happen is awesome," Fogleman

said. "The amount of community support we have received has been really mind-blowing."

Beginning with the trip to Zambia, Fleetwood fell in love with the children and saw Flockstock as her way of giving back.

"My trip to Zambia was probably the best, most life changing experience I have ever had. Much of my time there was spent working in the orphanage just loving on the kids," Fleetwood said. "We also worked in local schools teaching English and reading, working on gardens, digging a well, spending time with the young people at a local

youth center and just getting to know the people and learning about the beautiful culture."

According to the World Bank, 73 percent of the population of Zambia is living below the poverty line. The money raised for

MAD goes to help educate and provide for underprivileged children in India, Zambia and Tanzania so they can begin to move out of this dire situation.

"Many of these people had so little but were still so joyful. It taught me a lot about appreciating what I have and to take nothing for granted," Fleetwood said.

After returning from Zambia, Fleetwood brought her experiences back to GCSU to share with the community.

The caged birds now on display at Blackbird are part of the Flockstock event and are also being used to help raise money for the children. In 2008, as part of her senior thesis exhibition, Fleetwood created these "BIRDS OF PEACE," almost

400 hand sculpted birds and cages.

"The concept was inspired by the experiences I had and people I met while in Zambia. The birds represent the forgotten and subjugated people that have found themselves in situations beyond their control," Fleetwood said. "The cages symbolize the conditions that have caused for oppression and injustice to become rampant."

The birds are on sale this month to benefit MAD.

Another Flockstock event held to bring in an audience was a poetry night.

Poetry night on April 8 was held featuring Paul Grigsby, Tavias Bennett and Jerome German with Art as an Agent for Change. In addition to AAC's act, it was an open mic night for the audience to present their poetry as well.

Paul Grigsby, GCSU alumnus and representative of AAC, was pleased to contribute to the Flockstock events.

"Art as an Agent for Change partnered with Blackbird's poetry night poets and Flockstock to present a poetry jam for Make A Difference," Grigsby said. "It's a very noble cause, it creates a global effort to help those in need, I was glad that we were involved and a little grassroots organization from Milledgeville was able to help kids on the other side of the world."

Fleetwood teamed up with the group for Blackbird's poetry night and saw a large turnout for the cause.

"AAC seemed like a perfect organization to be involved with Flockstock because they are very focused on using their craft to make change," Fleetwood said.

Blackbird will be hosting Flockstock all month, including performances by the Jazz Bandits, Friends of the Bird Jam and Sean McConnell.

"Blackbird is a perfect place to host something like this because we already host a lot of music, poetry, art and comedy events," Fleetwood said. "The difference is that this month the proceeds will go towards a great cause."



Top: Three boys from the local orphanage peek through pieces of broken wood. (ARTWORK BY SARA FLEETWOOD)



Left: The Armed Farces Comedy Troupe entertain a packed house as part of the Flockstock line up. (LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER)

Right: GCSU Alum and representative of Art as an Agent for Change performs at Blackbird for Flockstock 2009. (LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER)

# Spotlight

BY CHELSEA THOMAS



## Top Seven Ways To Be Green

With Earth Day making its yearly debut, perhaps it is time to reconsider our role in contributing to keeping the Earth green and clean.

The Environmental Science Club is presenting a week of events recognizing, discussing and celebrating Earth with numerous educational experiences from Monday, April 20 to Saturday, April 25. Here are some methods GCSU students and faculty can work on now.

1) **Unplug!** When you are not using electrical appliances unplug them. Turn off the lights when you leave home, shut down your laptop when you aren't using it and switch off fans. It's that simple to save power!

2) **Choose to use fluorescent light bulbs!** Buy bulbs with higher lumens (not watts) for brighter light and to save money. Be on the lookout for a color rendering index (CRI) over 80. This can potentially save users \$30 a month.

3) **Chomp down on organic and local foods!** By utilizing local produce to eat, buyers can conserve fuel, reduce pollution and support the local Milledgeville community. Some fruit and meat travels hundreds of miles to its final destination on a supermarket shelf! Plus, local food tastes less artificial and can stay fresh longer.

4) **Use water sparingly!** Take quicker showers, turn the water heater down, wash laundry in cool water and use low flat showerheads – then wah-la, you have contributed to helping your community conserve water.

5) **Recycle!** For all the soda addicts and the water bottle fans, keep your bottles and recycle them. When shopping for mailing products choose materials made of recycled paper. Take old cell phones, batteries and antifreeze back to their respective stores. Most stores recycle those products.

6) **Packaging – less is more!** Buy products that don't waste paper in their wrapping and boxing. Get a reusable canvas tote for the grocery store too!

7) **Plant a tree or begin a garden project!** For those students living in dorms, this may be more challenging, but just be on the lookout for park volunteering activities. For those with their own homes, get out and enjoy the spring air! Planting flowers and trees will help create cleaner oxygen for all.

## Pastor brings ministry from Asia to Milledgeville

BY LAUREN CARROLL  
STAFF WRITER

Keith Lindsey was a visiting pastor at a church in Milledgeville, when he surveyed the congregation from the pulpit.

"Where are all the college students?" Lindsey said.

Since returning to Milledgeville from mission work in the Philippines, Lindsey believed God was speaking to him about starting a church. He would hear, "I'm going to give you a new home family." Lindsey's passion for starting a new church began with a message from God.

For three years, Lindsey commuted from Milledgeville to Asia for mission work every month. When at home in Milledgeville, Lindsey preached at a different church each Sunday but did not have a permanent position with any of the churches. He continued to hear God's voice and although he was somewhat confused, he anxiously waited God's plan to be revealed.

Lindsey, a 44-year-old GCSU graduate, was led to the ministry after working 12 years in the corporate world. He spent five years as a missionary in the Philippines. During his service in the Philippines, Lindsey developed friendships with local pastors and tribal people, but his time there was marred by tragedy. His friend Tony, a fellow missionary, was kidnapped by the rebels on an outer island on New Years Eve 2002. A last minute decision by Lindsey's wife the morning of Tony's abduction probably spared Lindsey a similar fate. Despite everything Lindsey endured, he con-

tinued to trust God and work in the ministry.

After meeting with students and people in Milledgeville, a foundation for a new church was created. Lindsey's church opened its doors to the Milledgeville community in September 2008 at the Grove Apartments' clubhouse.

Lindsey wanted to create a church home for students where they could be encouraged by God's love and equipped with ministry skills, empowering them to use those skills in their future corporate or ministerial lives. As Lindsey's student outreach grew, a church staff was formed. After only a few months, Lindsey watched his vision unfold and grow into what is now called Campus Church.

Shannon Thompson arrived at Lindsey's church in the Grove Apartments' clubhouse on a Tuesday night in the fall of 2008. He was skeptical about whether this church would be any different from the other churches he had visited in Milledgeville.

"There's not really a church college kids call their home," Thompson said. "There's a lack of program development that's geared toward college students. There's a lack of community in the college student crowd. You kind of go to a church and you kind of just get lost in the crowd. They care about you but they don't, like they don't really invest time in you."

Lindsey listened intently to what Thompson had to say and wanted to apply it to his new church. His church would reach out to the community by having programs that help connect the students to the world around them by serving the

people of Milledgeville. The atmosphere would be very casual, allowing the students to come just as they are. Lindsey would welcome them into a family away from home while at school.

Excited by the work that Lindsey was doing, Thompson decided to continue to visit the church. He is now a staff member for Campus Church.

Just six months after opening its doors, Campus Church has begun to reach more students with love. The church has gone from twelve foldout chairs to a sanctuary filled with individuals wanting to worship God. A big part of the success is due to Lindsey's magnetic personality and his ability to attract the crowd.

"Anyone can walk in off the streets and Keith will greet them with open arms," junior Kyle Whitmire said. "Keith has helped this church grow with outreach because he's just so cool. All the kids can relate to him."

The all-volunteer student staff created different programs to give substance to the church's motto, "Reach the Campus, Change the City, Touch the Nations." A kid's ministry was born, spending time with and loving on children in the projects. Short-term mission trips are beginning to take place in Campus Church, like an upcoming trip to Nicaragua.

After patiently waiting years to discern his specific mission, Lindsey has worked to actualize his vision of a student ministry.

"I'm really excited about where God has us after only six months," Lindsey said.

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## Creative Expressions bring joy to its artists

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Music Therapy Department is sponsoring the Creative Expressions Studio and Gallery Art Exhibition in the newly opened Health Sciences Building through May 29. Although the exhibit is open for all artists, the Music Therapy Gallery focuses primarily on self-taught artists, art by persons with disabilities, survivors of cancer and persons who do not normally present their work in public.

"The Music Therapy Gallery has been a vision since the renovations began for the Health Sciences Building," said Dr. Chesley Mercado, chair of the Music Therapy Department. "I am excited that the Baldwin Life Enrichment Center agreed to be our premier exhibit."

The Baldwin Life Enrichment Center, also known as "The Baldwin Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities," is located in Milledgeville on North Jefferson Street. The organization seeks to "support and maximize the quality of life, the functional abilities and the physical well being of persons with mental retardation."

The Life Enrichment Center's "Creative Expressions Program" was implemented in 2000 with the assistance of the GCSU Music Therapy Department. It encourages creativity and self-expression for artists with developmental disabilities and has begun to work with Lockerly Arboretum and Central State Hospital. The program involves around 30 participants and around 25 GCSU Music Therapy majors each semester.

Caitlin Wilkerson, a senior music therapy major, works with the Life Enrichment Center participants through programs the Music Therapy Department offers, such as Chorus, Hand Bells, Sign Language or Drumming. She believes that the exhibition is great for GCSU and the individual artists.

"I love the exhibition! I get to see the participants at the Life Enrichment Center express themselves through music on a weekly basis, but this exhibit allows me to see them express themselves through art too," Wilkerson said.

Walter Norman Jr. is an artist who contributed three separate works, each using different tools and conveying various themes. When creating "Bill Clinton on the 4th of July," Norman used color pencil, whereas in "Mars" he used acrylics as well. Wilkerson said Norman's "Old McDonald" piece is her favorite because it is just "so fun." Dr. Mercado concurred as she said, "These artists' work is so happy, colorful and expressive."

Samantha Mandernacht, a sophomore creative writing major, enjoyed observing the artists' creations, and claimed "The Island" by Rena Johnson captivated her.

"The artwork possesses a childlike simplicity," said Mandernacht. "These artists see things differently than many people do, and it lends their creations an authenticity that is sometimes missing in art that is created for the sake of impressing viewers."

Wilkerson believes that the Creative Expressions exhibit gives the artists a boost of self-confidence.



CHELSEA THOMAS / SENIOR REPORTER  
Sophomore creative writing major Samantha Mandernacht browses the artwork of the Creative Expressions exhibit.

# "Good reporters don't have friends, only sources..."

## Grade: A-

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

Those very words, coming from Helen Mirren, are the backbone of "State of Play," a blistering political thriller built around a top-notch cast, and a catchy plot that (on paper) might sound a little familiar to some viewers. But don't let the common premise fool you. Director Kevin Macdonald uses every tool at his disposal and successfully takes this film way beyond the basic formula its genre demands.

Right from the get-go, the film opens at full speed as we see a random bag snatcher running from an unidentified pursuer in the middle of a stormy night. The running man then proceeds to get hit by a car, another pedestrian and several other small obstacles before hiding out in an alley. It seems like quite a lucky getaway at first, until our mystery chaser blindsides the culprit with a clean shot, and then follows that up by shooting an innocent bystander who just might have seen too much. We have no idea how any of this connects to the bigger picture yet, but that's what makes this such an exciting film to watch; just when you think you've got it all figured out, something unexpected happens, and you're back to square one.

Following the explosive opening, we are quickly introduced to the film's key players. The first one is Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck), who is a rising congressman with a promising future ahead. He's got a cocky ego that represents everything the public would hope to see in a man of his stature, and with an ambitious outlook on his own defense policies, Collins is like a golden star just waiting to shine for his party's senator (Jeff Daniels).

Seeing Ben Affleck portray such a character might seem a little odd for most viewers, but this setup actually works very well to his advantage. After directing his brother Casey in the highly overlooked "Gone Baby Gone" two years ago, Affleck is due for another big shot, and he proves it here in a role that is sure to redeem a few "Benifer Bombs" from the past.

When one of Collins' aides (Maria Thayer) is found dead under a subway train, the presidential hopeful is forced to publicly admit that he and the assistant were having an affair prior to her death, thus crippling his entire party's reputation. Who knew about the affair? Did the aide

"When the artists get to present their work it gives them a sense of accomplishment," said Wilkerson. "It's a really big deal that they have a piece of their art. Now as the Creative Expressions exhibit remains available to GCSU students and faculty, the Music Therapy Department is already planning for future events. According to Dr. Mercado, the Music Therapy Department will host its first art competition, the Ed Mercado Arts Competition, for persons with developmental disabilities in August. They plan on allowing artists from all over Georgia to exhibit their work. May 1, the Chorus, Hand Bells, Drumming and Sign Language groups will perform at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Milledgeville.

"I am so impressed with the natural talent of these artists," said Dr. Mercado. "They are artists first and any disability fades as viewers admire the colors, form and expression of the work. It is important for the public to realize that persons with disabilities have so much to give to the community. These artists share talent and diminish the stigma that sometimes follows anyone who is different. We are more alike than different and this art is beautiful and must be shared with the world."



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know something incriminating about some of the party members? And is it just a coincidence that all of this happened right before Collins was scheduled to attend a hearing for a suspicious contractor? Many questions are presented, and a lot of secrets hang in the balance when two investigative reporters are hired to uncover the truth.

The other major player is lead reporter, Cal McCaffrey (Russell Crowe), who is also Collins' old roommate from college. Sporting another unlikely haircut, Russell Crowe wrestles with a storm of dilemmas in his role as the head journalist. Aside from guiding a rookie partner (Rachel McAdams) through the process of "damn fine reporting," McCaffrey is also conflicted with saving the reputation of his friend. We know, without even asking, that he'll have to eventually break the law in order to find some answers, but unlike most reporters, he is extremely adamant about getting the facts straight, and won't settle for a story that just "sounds good." Helping a source is one thing, but helping a friend is another... where do journalists draw the line?

Another important figure in this web of corruption is Collins' loyal wife Anne

(Robin Wright Penn), and the mess of emotion that boils between her and the two leading men. Unfortunately, there are a few weak moments where the film introduces a previous romantic fling between Anne and McCaffrey. I guess building love triangles is the new holy grail when you have an all-star cast, but in Anne's defense, should she really trust her husband at this point? I don't think I would.

The basic plot of the film is presented with a simple ease in the opening segments, but it's through the underlying complexity of the second act that we get a sense of tension over what's at stake for every person involved. Obviously the story of the murder is huge, and every reporter in the city would love to sell it before another newspaper gets hold of it, but what if our killer anticipated this obsession? And how would the story ever get published if the killer manages to eliminate every witness?

As we saw in "The Last King of Scotland," Kevin Macdonald is a comfortable director who trusts his actors to make something good happen, but the crucial production element of success in this project is owed to the writers. Michael Carnahan (Lions for Lambs), Billy Ray (Breach) and Tony Gilroy (Michael Clayton) all have a common understanding of what makes good thrillers work, and because the three of them are known to completely flesh out their characters, this film shows a good mix of talent on many levels.

When it comes to political thrillers, it's not uncommon to see a recycled formula of globe-trotter settings and post 9/11 issues building the plot. And while this setup can be useful to success at times, it still feels like the genre is often "victimizing" its own installments. "State of Play" is the first political thriller in years that doesn't settle for average results. Using an original blend of "Primal Fear" intensity and Jason Bourne pacing, Macdonald delivers a very solid thriller that could go on to be one of the year's best. I just hope that my roommate doesn't grow up to be a congressman, because unless his assistant is found dead at a movie theater, I really don't think I could help him.

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# Bands battle for title



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REPORTER

The Jazz bandits starts the competition off with a mix of contemporary and classic jazz tones.

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Titan's frontman sits the audience down with a heart-felt tune



RYAN DEL CAMPO / STAFF REPORTER

Seconds From Fallin lead guitarist Joe Lichenwalner uses his talent to entertain the crowd during last Thursday's competition.



BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

The walls of Magnolia Ballroom shook last Thursday as five bands competed against each other in GCSU's 2nd annual Battle of the Bands. Hosted by the Resident Student Association and heavily assisted by Phi Mu Alpha sinfonia, the event brought in many music lovers from GCSU.

Sophomore Jamie Knox led the production of the event for the RSA. She put in several hours of work with David McLaughlin, the sophomore representative from Phi Mu Alpha, to make sure it ran without a hitch.

"This event was very successful and it ran a lot more smoothly than last year," said Knox. "We had a lot of people working to make this event a success and that is the only way it was able to work."

Before the bands began, members of Art as an Agent for Change took the stage. They recited some poetry slams to promote their upcoming event, Poetic Notions 2009. This event will take place on Saturday at 7 p.m., in the MSU lounge.

The first band, the Jazz Bandits, played a mix of contemporary jazz-influenced pieces which displayed the musicians' talent with several compelling improv parts. Far from dull, their music pumped up the crowd which would stay excited for the remainder of the event.

Next, a band called Titan took the stage. They began their set with an original piece, in which they asked the audience to sit and enjoy the soft tones. After this, they brought the energy level back up with two fast paced rock songs.

Orange Vanessa played after Titan. Their unique sound held the audience's attention. A glance at the players showed the dedication and passion they had for their music.

Seconds From Falling played fourth, exhibiting a pop-punk mix of original songs. Their music had the audience jumping and singing along throughout

their set. Some excited fans brought signs to help support and encourage the band.

The last band that played in the contest was The Stumbling Toads. The music that these musicians played had a modern blues feel. The band played a mix of originals and covers, keeping the audience's rapt attention from the first to last note.

Fans were not bored while the judges deliberated. Last year's winner of the judge's award, Orange Free State, played several songs to keep the audience engaged. Also, AAC Poetic Notions took the stage one more time.

The bands' performances were judged both by faculty and audiences votes. The audience voted by placing the tickets that they were given upon entrance into one of five jars, each labeled with a band's name.

Seconds From Falling won the audience vote. The cheers after their performance could have predicted this outcome; however they also accumulated the most ticket votes. They were awarded \$100 for their stellar performance.

"The Battle of the Bands was a great experience, and a lot of fun," said freshman rhythm guitar player for Seconds From Falling, Matt Williams. "There was a great mix of musical genres and a lot of talent among the bands."

Dr. Amy Burt, Corey Tanner and Cindy McClanahan, the faculty judges, picked a different winner for their award: The Stumbling Toads. This band won \$250.

"The bands were evaluated by three judges based on their stage presence, engaging the audience, musical ability, song choice, along with other factors," said Knox. "The three judges discussed all the bands and came to a decision after evaluating every band."

This year's winners of the Battle of the Bands will be playing together at an RSA event between Parkhurst and Foundation Halls. If you missed them last week, make sure to check out GCSU's most talented bands on May 1.

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## Tennis gets first season title



FILE PHOTO

Senior Justin Pickham smashes a serve. Pickham will be key at the number two slot in singles for the Bobcats heading into the PBC tournament. He will also team with fellow senior Erick Siqueira as the No. 2 doubles team in the nation.

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's tennis team has locked up its first ever Peach Belt Conference regular-season championship, finishing undefeated in conference play at 7-0.

The Bobcat men's and women's tennis teams faced North Georgia College and State University on Thursday, Feb. 9. Both teams came out victorious against the Saints. The men's team won 7-2, and the women's team shut out the Saints 9-0.

In men's singles, senior Eric Siqueira won his match 6-4, 6-1, giving him an overall record of 11-4 for the season and is ranked No. 8 nationally.

In second singles, senior, Francis Yoshimoto, No. 24 nationally, defeated his opponent 6-2, 6-1. Yoshimoto now holds a singles record of 13-3.

Junior Max Beliankou, in third singles, was victorious 6-2, 7-5. Beliankou now holds a record of 12-4.

In second doubles, Beliankou and freshman Leo Bernardes won their match 8-4, giving them a record of 3-2 overall.

The third doubles team composed of Siqueira and freshman Robert Angelucci, who had never played as a doubles pair before, worked as a team very successfully as they defeated their opponents.

In women's singles, senior Marjorie Ceppo, ranked No. 47 nationally, won her match 6-4, 6-2, giving her a total record of 9-8.

In second singles, junior Diane Danna came out victorious in her match 6-0, 6-1. Danna now has a record of 9-8 for the season.

For third singles, sophomore Bertille Lion defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-1, giving her an overall record of 9-8.

In women's doubles, first team Gabby Acuna and Ceppo were victorious with a score of 8-2. Second doubles team Danna and Lion fought hard and defeated their opponents 8-3. For the third doubles team, freshmen duo Adriana Acuna and Angy Cuellar came out on top against their opponents with the largest gap in a score of 8-1.

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## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Atlanta Hawks are about to host their first playoff series in ten years, and I, for one, am proud of what this franchise has accomplished.

Hawks fans have suffered through years of awful basketball, and frankly uncompetitive teams. Terrible trades were made, money was blown on overpriced free agents and the front office just couldn't figure out how to draft a team, instead going for overhyped "athletes".

Only now, after getting our man Mike Woodson at head coach, a calm stabilizing force, and through a series of improved offseason moves, the Hawks are a force to be reckoned with again.

At point guard, Mike Bibby was viewed by most to be on his way out of basketball after a few average years in Sacramento. The Hawks saw wasted talent and snagged him for pennies, and he has had a second honeymoon in Atlanta.

The star of the team, Joe Johnson, is one of the best pure scorers in the NBA. He can do almost everything to get the ball in the basket and has become a perennial All-Star. Against the Heat, Johnson and Dwyane Wade will be a very entertaining scoring battle to watch.

The strength of the team is in hustle and rebounding, provided by a stable of forwards like Al Horford and Josh Smith. Both are exceptional young talents, with Horford eating space in the paint and collecting a ton of rebounds, and Smith erasing shots and soaring for highlight-reel dunks to keep the Philips Arena crowd buzzing.

I hope to be part of the experience, because it's not often we get home-court advantage playoff basketball in Atlanta. If you want to have some fun in Atlanta, see some high-level basketball and have an experience like no other, grab your tickets and see the Hawks play the Miami Heat. Philips Arena is a great place to watch any sporting event, and come playoff time, it turns into a deathtrap for opponents. Just ask the Boston Celtics.

## Offense propels 'Cats to six straight series wins

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU baseball continued its excellent play this week, winning two more series, the Bobcats' fifth and sixth in a row. The GCSU baseball team faced Columbus State University in a three game series last weekend and took two of three from the Cougars 2-1 in the series.

When the Bobcats faced the Cougars in game one on Friday, the 'Cats took the lead early in the game by scoring four runs in the second inning. Both teams scored a run in the third inning, making the score 5-1. The Cougars were able to score two runs in the fourth inning, putting the score at 5-3 in favor of the Bobcats. Even though in the fifth inning the Bobcats were able to score a run, Columbus State took the lead when they scored four runs, putting them ahead of the Bobcats 7-6.

Georgia College then stepped up their efforts when a home run by senior second baseman Brooks Robinson in the seventh gave the 'Cats two runs. The Bobcats added another run in the eighth, giving the Bobcats the lead once more with a score of 9-7.

In the ninth inning, Columbus State tried to regain the lead by scoring a run in the ninth, but the 'Cats defeated the Cougars 9-8 to take game one.

The series continued with a double-header on Saturday, Apr. 11. The second game of the series began with the Bobcats scoring a run in the second inning. Then in the third inning, the Bobcats scored two runs while the Cougars scored one, making the

score 3-1. The Bobcats scored a run in the fourth inning, and then Columbus State managed to score a run in the sixth. In the eighth inning, a double by Robinson earned an RBI, making the score 5-2 in favor of the Bobcats.

Even though Columbus State was able to score two runs in the ninth inning, the Bobcats came out victorious once more by defeating the Cougars 5-4.

The Bobcats came out playing aggressive at the start of the final game of the series against the Cougars when senior outfielder Derek Johns hit a homerun to left field, scoring two runs in the first inning. Both teams scored one run each in the second inning, putting GCSU in the lead 3-1. Neither team scored again until the sixth inning, when the Bobcats scored one run. Then Columbus State scored one run in each of the seventh, eighth, and ninth innings. This made the score 4-4, sending the game to extra innings.

Both teams played well, but the Cougars scored two runs in the tenth inning to take the final game, giving the Bobcats a 2-1 series win.

"I feel like we're coming together real well," said junior designated hitter Buddy Elmore. "I think it's good that we're peaking late in the season."

On Wednesday, the Bobcats faced the University of West Georgia in a home game and defeated the Wolves 11-5.

The Bobcats took the lead early



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Junior infielder Paul Bordon looks to connect with a West Georgia pitch on Wednesday.

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## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

**Softball:**  
April 17-19 TBA PBC tournament

**Tennis:**  
April 17-19 TBA PBC tournament

### Quote of the Week

"I like rolling up my sleeves. I like taking some from the bottom and building it to the top. There's a lot of risk in that and there is also a lot of reward in that. But that's how I grew up. I want to take FIU to the next level and I know it's going to take a lot of hard work, but I'm willing to pay the price to do that."

- new Florida International head basketball coach Isiah Thomas (AP)

### Stat of the Week

**1,169**

Senior Bobcat softball pitcher Mandy Chandler's career strikeout total, tied for sixth in Division II history

## Softball swept by Saints in delayed series

BY ELISE COLCORD  
STAFF REPORTER

The Bobcats softball team grudgingly admitted defeat against a long-time rival, the North Georgia College and State University Saints, in a doubleheader Wednesday.

Game one ended with a 5-2 Saints victory. NGCSU's Leslie Smith ripped one out of the park in the second inning to take the early lead of 1-0. The competition proved to be fierce as both teams brought the attitudes of true rivals on to the field.

In game one both teams kept each other in check with good defense until the final two innings. During the sixth inning, senior first baseman Tonya Medders doubled, bringing home senior center fielder Sherquita Bostick and shortstop Lindsey Swanson, which upped the score to a slim 2-1 lead for the Bobcats.

It looked as if the Bobcats had pulled their mental and physical game together for a possible win.

The Saints had other ideas, warming up their offense late in the game. NGCSU's Laura Voyles started the seventh inning with a homer to left center, which opened the floodgates for the Saints at bat. With a fluid hitting sequence, the Saints brought in four runs to pull the score in their favor 5-2.

Although the Bobcats missed the win by a slim margin, senior pitcher Mandy Chandler earned a tie for sixth place in Division II history for strikeouts.

Chandler responded like a true team

player to this milestone.

"I would feel better about it if we had won, but it's cool to break records," Chandler said.

Game two began with overly excited parents jeering at each other and the umpire's calls. North Georgia came out strong with three runs in the first inning alone on a bunt and strategic base running.

Both teams kept one another at bay until the third inning, when senior left fielder Haley Holloway slid into home plate to score the lone run of the game for the Bobcats.

As the game continued, the Saints kept the Bobcats at bay with an error-free defense. On the offensive side, the Saints scored one run in the fourth inning and another three in the final, seventh inning leaving the final score 7-1 in favor of the Saints.

With Wednesday's sweep, NGCSU sits at the number one seed with GCSU right behind at the two spot.

Reflecting on the play of the Bobcats, Chandler does not doubt the team's talent.

"I think we just need to make sure our mental focus is there. Honestly, I don't think it has anything to do with our talent when we lose. I think it's all about who's mentally prepared to show up for the game and who's not," Chandler said. "I mean there are days where the talent's not going to override everything else. Overall, I think



ELISE COLCORD / STAFF REPORTER

Senior outfielder Haley Holloway bats against North Georgia on Wednesday.

everyone just has to come wanting to play and today wasn't like that at all."

Chandler did not want to make any heavy predictions about the Peach Belt tournament but believes in her team.

"I think that we are definitely going to put up a big fight in the conference tournament," Chandler said. "We might not walk away with the championship, but I think we'll get pretty close."

## Baseball

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on by scoring three runs in the first inning and another two runs in the third inning, giving the 'Cats a 5-0 lead. In the fourth inning the Wolves scored two runs. Later in the fourth, a RBI by Johns and a single by senior catcher Pete Paris which earned two RBIs, the Bobcats scored three, making the score 8-2. The 'Cats managed to score another two runs in the sixth, and both teams scored one run in the seventh making the score 10-3 with GCSU leading. In the ninth inning, West Georgia scored two runs, but still fell short as the Bobcats defeated them 11-5.

"We're on a roll right now," Johns, who had three runs and two RBI's, said. "We were taking good swings at the plate, our pitchers threw well and the defense played well."

The Bobcats are on the road to face the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in a three game series on Saturday and Sunday.

"We're going to continue to practice hard," said Head Coach Tom Carty. "We're going to keep the guys focused on the task at hand and just take it one game at a time."

## Tennis

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"I felt that both matches went very well," said Head Coach Steve Barsby. "We expected to win and we were the better team."

The men's team was scheduled to play a home match against Lander on Monday, but the match was cancelled due to the rain.

The GCSU women's team will be on the road to Jonesboro, Ga., to face Georgia Southwestern on Friday, April 17.

The men's team enters the PBC tournament with an undefeated conference record and the No. 1 seed. The Bobcats defeated last year's national champions Armstrong Atlantic

State University 5-4 on Feb. 24 to take control of the conference.

"The guys should be very proud," said Barsby. "This is the first time we have been the best team in the conference and that position was not given to us but was earned by beating the No. 1 team."

The GCSU's men's team is on the road to Jonesboro, Ga., on Saturday Feb. 18, and their opponent will be determined by which team wins the No. 8/No. 9 seed game between NGCSU and Georgia Southwestern State University.

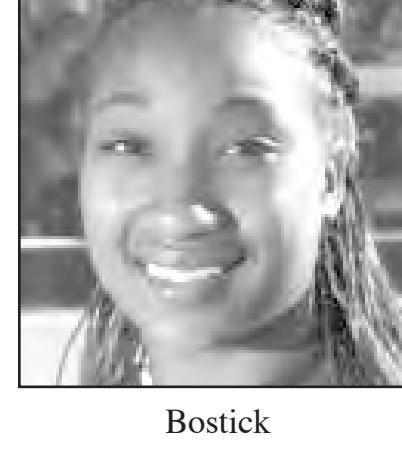
"The team is very fired up," said Barsby. "We are going to stay focused and we are very ready to get to Atlanta."

## Athlete of the week: Sherquita Bostick

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Athletic Department has named Sherquita Bostick, senior outfielder for the Bobcat softball team, its athlete of the week for the week ending April 12.

This is the first such award for Bostick and the second for the Bobcat softball team this season.



Bostick

Bostick hit .538 in four games last week with three home runs, six RBIs and eight runs scored.

For the week, Bostick had a 1.385 slugging percentage and .571 on-base percentage.

She leads the PBC in slugging and triples, and is second in home runs, third in RBIs and fifth in batting average.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, April 17 -  
Thursday, April 23

## Friday, April 17

8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. 12th Annual GCSU Student Research Conference, Atkinson Hall

## Saturday, April 18

8:00 p.m. 24 Hour Plays Max Noah Recital Hall

## Sunday, April 19

7:30 p.m. GCSU Orchestra Spring Concert Magnolia Ballroom

## Monday, April 20

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. "Now Playing" by Senior Art Major Noelle Rose Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery  
9:00a.m.- 4:00 p.m. "Cardboard Confessions," Exhibition by Senior Art Major Audra Starr Blackbridge Hall Art Gallery  
9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. "Cycle," a Photographic Installation by Marcus Pedon Wooten Garner House, Artfix Gallery  
8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Earth Fest '09, various locations

## Tuesday, April 21

7:30 p.m. GCSU Small Ensembles Spring Concert, Max Noah Recital Hall

## Wednesday, April 22

12:30 p.m. Times Talk Beeson Hall, Lower Level

## Thursday, April 23

3:00 p.m. Career Talk on WGUR 88.9FM WGUR 88.9FM  
6:00 p.m. Visiting Artist Lecture: Chakaia Booker, Museum Education Room  
7:00 p.m. Student Directing Scenes Max Noah Recital Hall

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## EarthFest 2009

### 24 Hour Plays

Make plans to attend the 5th Annual 24 Hour Plays this Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m., in Max Noah Recital Hall.

Five writers will work all Friday night, composing short plays. In the morning actors and directors will take the scripts and begin rehearsing. By 8 p.m., that night, there will be a full production of the plays. It's been amazing. This year, Amy Pinney and Iona Pendegast will be co-producing the event with me. There is an admission charge. Student admission is \$3.00.

### Peacocks Feet Reception

Ceremony Celebrating the annual addition of Peacocks Feet April 30 at 7:00pm in the Museum Education Room.

### 12th Annual GCSU Student Research Conference

Friday, April 17, 2009

Atkinson Hall

This annual conference, sponsored by the Office of Academic Engagement, provides under-

graduate and graduate GCSU students from all disciplines the opportunity to prepare and present scholarly work to the campus community.

You are also invited to join us for a reception at 11:00 a.m., on the porch of Atkinson to celebrate the scholarly endeavors of our students and recognize those whose work will be published in the upcoming volume of The Corinthian: The Journal of Student Research at GCSU

### Times Talk

Wednesday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m., in Beeson Hall Lower Level. Free pizza will be provided. We will discuss President Obama's First 100 Days and the intersection of Language and Politics. It will be facilitated by Megan Melancon

### Captain Planet Visits Earth Fest

David Coburn, the voice of our great environmental hero Captain Planet will be attending EarthFest wearing the famous uniform on April 25th to help promote EarthFest 2009!

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# THE COLONNADE

## Public Safety Report



### Passed Out

On April 8, at approximately 9 p.m., Sgt. Ennis was dispatched to Chappell Hall in reference to a person who had passed out. Contact was made with the subject, who was in and out of consciousness. EMS responded and transported the subject to Oconee Regional Medical Center.

### Unlucky Burglars

On April 9, at approximately 1:50 a.m., Officer Williams observed a vehicle speeding, 43 mph in a 25 on Franklin Street. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. A BOLO (be on the lookout) had just been put out by Milledgeville PD in reference to a burglary that just occurred. MPD responded and items related to the burglary were found in the vehicle. The driver and passenger were arrested by MPD. The driver was issued a citation for speeding by Officer Williams. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Hills Towing.

### Verbal Assault

On April 9 at approximately 11 p.m., a subject reported that a student was being belligerent and using combative words directed towards him at Foundation Hall. Contact was made with the accused individual, who admitted to throwing a beverage and using profane language towards the subject because he heard him call his girlfriend "sweetheart." While speaking with the accused, Sgt. Baker could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. The belligerent subject was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol.

### DUI

On April 10 at approximately 12 a.m., while conducting a license check at Washington and Clarke streets, contact was made with a driver and passenger. While speaking to the subject, Officer Williams could detect the odor of burning marijuana coming from the vehicle. The subject admitted to smoking marijuana in the vehicle and a small amount was found in her purse. There was also a small baggie found between

the passenger seat and center console. The driver stated that all the marijuana was hers. The driver was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The passenger was released and drove the vehicle from the scene of the stop.

### Fake ID

On April 10 at approximately 12 a.m., Sgt. Baker observed two males sitting in a parked vehicle at the old courthouse playing loud music. Contact was made with the driver who was advised to turn the music down. Sgt. Baker observed wet spots on the front of the driver's shirt and he stated that he had spilled an alcoholic beverage on it earlier. When asked for identification, Sgt. Baker observed that the driver had another ID that was out of state. The driver advised that the ID was fake. The ID was confiscated. In lieu of jail and fines for underage possession of alcohol, the subject has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

### Car Chase

On April 10, at approximately 12:30 a.m., while conducting a license check at Washington and Clarke streets, Sgt. Baker made contact with a driver. The driver was motioned to stop, however the vehicle continued to move down the street. The vehicle then traveled down Centennial Drive at a high rate of speed and turned west on Franklin Street. A chase ensued and when the vehicle turned onto Herrington Drive, the headlights were turned off. Further down the road, the driver stopped the vehicle and fled on foot. A perimeter was made and the driver was placed into custody. The subject was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with driving while license suspended 2nd offense, reckless driving, fleeing and attempting to elude police and DUI. The vehicle was towed from the scene by Old Capitol Wrecker Service. The passenger was released from the scene.



Information compiled by Stephanie Sorensen

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extended Public Safety Report podcast.



This week's Senate session marked

the first time a resolution had been on the agenda in several weeks. This resolution sought to establish an official set of election rules and procedures, and was drafted by the Internal/External Committee and spearheaded by President Pro Tempore, Marcus Green. Green along with his committee created this resolution because SGA lacks an official set of election rules. There are some guidelines within the by-laws, but these are becoming insufficient as Senate elections are becoming more and more competitive.

The draft of the proposed rules was delivered along with the resolution to the Senators and was open for discussion on Wednesday. There was a long series of questions and debate as the Senators attempted to perfect the election rules. Much of the debate centered around two subjects. The first was over allowed campaign material advertisements, and several questions were raised over what SGA would regulate and how they would do so chiefly when appointing to banners and Facebook. The other major debate was over campaign finance caps. According to the current draft, the Internal/External committee has the power to limit how much candidates can spend on their campaign. Several Senators took objection to this arguing that it was the candidate's right to spend what they want on their campaigns, but other Senators argued that finance caps were necessary to insure fair

elections.

In the end, this resolution was tabled till next week so that I/E can hold an open meeting where the details of the elections laws can be hammered out before a vote is held.

Beyond this resolution, this week's long Senate session included several reports about the works of SGA's committees. President Greene reported that University Senate would be voting on Monday over whether to make GCSU a smoke-free campus. SGA had offered an alternative resolution but was unable to pass it through University Senate.

He also stated that he and President-elect Mullins had a video conference with the Board of Regents over an extension of the mandatory \$100 fee. Greene stated that all of Georgia's SGA presidents pushed for tuition increase instead, but bureaucracy did not allow this to be an option. Finally, the Housing Ad-hoc is making great progress with their work. University Housing agreed to open the residence halls Saturday before Monday classes in Spring 2010, and auxiliary Services has stated that limited services such as shuttles and retail dining will be open the weekend before classes.

The request for students to be able to move into residence halls earlier next Spring 2010 came after students had only 24 hours before the start of classes this past Spring semester.

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